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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: THE HABYARIMANA TRIP HERE THIS WEEK APPARENTLY WAS TO COUNTERACT A SIMILAR VISIT BY RPF REPRESENTATIVES LATE LAST WEEK. FOREIGN MINISTER RWEGASIRA IS OFF TO KIGALI TODAY TO TALK WITH ALL PARTIES, BUT HE HAS NO MAGIC FORMULA TO SELL. PRIVATELY, THE GOT BLAMES HABYARIMANA FOR THE CURRENT IMPASSE, AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE GREATER INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR UPON HIM. END SUMMARY.

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3. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL, I REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT MWINYI. HOWEVER, WITH THE "IDD EL FITR" WEEKEND APPROACHING, I MAY NOT SEE HIM SO QUICKLY. THEREFORE, DRAWING FROM POINTS IN REFTEL, I DISCUSSED THE RWANDA QUESTION WITH MFA PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DR. IBRAHIM MSABAHA.

4. THE PS NOTED THAT PRESIDENTS HABYARIMANA AND MWINYI HAD A TETE-A-TETE ABOUT WHICH HE HAD NOT BEEN BRIEFED YET IN DETAIL. ESSENTIALLY, HOWEVER, THE HABYARIMANA TRIP WAS TO COUNTERACT A VISIT TO DAR LATE LAST WEEK BY RPF REPRESENTATIVES. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TANZANIANS, THE RPF HAD PLACED THE ENTIRE BLAME FOR THE CURRENT IMPASSE UPON PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA. THE RPF OFFICIALS CLAIMED HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO DIVIDE THE POLITICAL PARTIES IN ORDER TO DELAY FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS IN A NAKED EFFORT TO RETAIN POWER. FOR ITS PART, THE RPF INSISTED ON FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS. SHOULD THERE BE FURTHER DELAY, THEY THREATENED OMINOUSLY THAT

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THERE WOULD BE RENEWED WAR, ONLY NOW THE RPF WAS ALREADY IN KIGALI. (MSABAHA SAID THE GOT BELIEVED THAT BOTH THE GOR AND THE RPF WERE DISTRIBUTING ARMS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SUPPORTERS, AND A RENEWAL OF VIOLENCE WOULD LIKELY DETERIORATE INTO A GENERAL CONFLAGRATION MUCH WORSE THAN JUST A CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO CONVENTIONAL FORCES.)

5. ACCORDING TO MSABAHA, HABYARIMANA'S TALE WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT. HE PLACED THE BLAME FOR DELAY ON THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND THEIR INABILITY TO AGREE ON CABINET/PARLIAMENTARY SEATS. THE PRESIDENT PROFESSED TO WANT A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER RWEGASIRA IS OFF TO KIGALI TODAY. HE APPARENTLY HAS NO SET FORMULA TO PROPOSE, AND HIS INSTRUCTIONS ARE ESSENTIALLY "TO DO HIS BEST." HE WILL CONSULT ALL SIDES IN THE HOPES OF RECOMMENCING THE DIALOGUE AMONG THEM. THE PS NOTED THAT THE GOT'S ROLE HAD CHANGED FOLLOWING THE SIGNATURE LAST YEAR OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS, AND THE FACILITATOR HAD CEDED THE LEAD TO THE UN AND OAU. NEVERTHELESS, THE RWANDA PROBLEM WAS TANZANIA'S CONCERN FOR THE OBVIOUS REASONS OF REGIONAL INSTABILITY AND REFUGEES. THE GOT COULD NOT

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REALISTICALLY ABANDON SHIP AS SOME OF THE OTHER OUTSIDERS WERE THREATENING. THE GOT WOULD STAY ENGAGED IN SPITE OF THE ALTERED CIRCUMSTANCES.

7. ASKED HOW THE U.S. AND OTHERS COULD BE HELPFUL, MSABAHA REPLIED "BY INCREASING PRESSURE ON HABYARIMANA TO MOVE FORWARD." HE CONFIDED THAT, WHILE OFFICIALLY NEUTRAL, THE GOT NEVERTHELESS VIEWED THE RWANDAN

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PRESIDENT AS BEING PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT STALEMATE. HE SHARED U.S. CONCERNS AT THE IMPASSE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR RENEWED VIOLENCE, BUT COULD NOT RESIST COMMENTING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DID NOT DEMONSTRATE THE SAME VIGOROUS RESPONSE TO THE RWANDA/BURUNDI CRISES AS IT HAD ELSEWHERE. I RETORTED THAT EVERY SITUATION WAS UNIQUE AND SHOULD BE DEALT WITH INDIVIDUALLY. BURUNDI SEEMED TO BE A BIT BETTER THAN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AND MANY OF THE REFUGEES HAD RETURNED. I ADDED THAT AMBASSADOR RAWSON AND OTHERS IN KIGALI WERE COORDINATING CLOSELY IN A TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL OUTCOME. ON THESE POINTS, MSABAHA AGREED. DE VOS

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